Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A negative active material for a rechargeable lithium battery comprising crystalline carbon having [[a]] at least two dispersed ~~element~~ elements serving as graphitization catalyst therein wherein the first element is B present in an amount from 0.01 to 12 wt% and the second element is present from 0.01 to 10% wt% and comprises one or more elements selected from the group consisting of transition metals, alkali metals, alkali earth metals, Group 3A elements, Group 3B elements, semi-metals of Group 4A, semi-metals of Group 4B, elements of Group 5A, and elements of Group 5B, said transition metals being selected from the group consisting of Mn, Ni, Fe, Cr, Co, Cu, Mo and W; said alkali metals being selected from the group consisting of Na and K; said alkali earth metal being selected from the group consisting of Ca and Mg; said Group 3A elements being selected from the group consisting of Sc, Y, lanthanoids and actinoids; said Group 3B elements being selected from the group consisting of Al and Ga, said semi-metal of Group 4A being selected from the group consisting of Ti and Zr; said semi-metal of Group 4B being selected from the group consisting of Si, Ge and Sn; said element of Group 5A being selected from the group consisting of V, Nb and Ta; and said element of Group 5B being selected from the group consisting of P, Sb and Bi.

2.-5. (canceled)

6. (original) The negative active material of claim 1, wherein an intensity ratio I(110)/I(002) of said negative active material is less than or equal to 0.04, said intensity ratio I(110)/I(002) being defined as an X-ray diffraction peak intensity I(110) at a (110) plane to an X-ray diffraction peak intensity I(002) at a (002) plane.

7.-11. (withdrawn)